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For: PACKAGED PRODUCT FOR INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL, AND RECORDING
METHOD AND RECORDED MATERIAL USING INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL

TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Response in the above-captioned application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. *(Small entity fees indicated in parentheses.)*

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		(5)	(6)	(7)
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	21	-	21			18.00	\$0
(Small Entity)						(9.00)	
Independent claims	2	-	3			86.00	0
(Small Entity)						(43.00)	
Multiple Dependent	0	-	0	0		290.00	0
(Small Entity)						(145.00)	
Extension of Time	One Month		Two Months		Three Months		
Fee	\$110		\$420		\$950		\$0
(Small Entity)	(\$55)		(\$210)		(\$475)		0
Total							\$0

The above fees are believed to be correct. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0687 under the above Attorney Docket Number for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate. **CUSTOMER NO. 20736**

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

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Sir:

In further response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, and supplementing the Amendment filed November 13, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The applicants have noticed slight error in the remarks of the Amendment dated November 13, 2003, which distinguished the presently claimed invention over the teachings of Kasahara et al. Accordingly, at page 9, first full paragraph of the Amendment, please replace the last sentence,

"Thus, in Kasahara, the problem of causing change in color hue at the time of printing which is caused by the difference of a surface pH of the ink-receptive layer and a surface pH of a protective film during storage of an ink-jet recording material in a packaged state is never considered."

with the following corrected version,

"Thus, in Kasahara, the problem of causing change in color hue at the time of printing which is caused by the reason that a surface pH at the upper-

most ink-receptive layer of the recording material is changed to cause a difference in pH from a surface pH of an ink-receptive layer existing at an inner side of the recording material during storage of an ink-jet recording material in a packaged state, is never considered.”

This is because the protective paper sheet of the presently claimed invention has been subjected to water-proof treatment so that the surface of the water-proof paper sheet does not have any pH. This further illustrates the significant distinctions between the presently claimed invention and the teachings of the cited references.

Finally, please note that the last paragraph at page 9 of the November 13, 2003 Amendment should read as follows:

“According, the applicants submit that the problem to be solved by the present invention can not be solved by combining the teachings of Sakaki et al. and Kasahara et al. and accordingly, the effect of the present invention can not be expected there from.”

Thus, the presently claimed invention is fully allowable under both Section 102(b) and Section 103(a) in view of the cited art, Sakaki et al. and Kasahara et al.

In view of the above, and the November 13, 2003 Amendment, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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